GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.02 ha. of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project, in favour of the DGM (Plg), M/s. BSNL, Guntur – Permission Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 60 **Dated: 25-08-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/18/2023-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 05.12.2023.
2)State Govt.Letter No.2738/Section-II/2023/2290201, dated 13.12.2023.
3)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, online proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/454129/2023, dated 06.03.2024.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/18/2023-FCA-1, dated 02.07.2025.
5)State Govt.Letter No.2738/Section-II/2023/2290201, dated 08.07.2025.
6) From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, online proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/454129/2023, dated 19.08.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.02 ha. of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project, in favour of the DGM (Plg), M/s. BSNL, Guntur.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for in-principle approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.02 ha of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, for the stipulated purpose, and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the prescribed time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has granted

final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.02 ha. of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project, in favour of the DGM (Plg), M/s. BSNL, Guntur, subject to fulfilment of relevant conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.02 ha. of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project, in favour of the DGM (Plg), M/s. BSNL, Guntur, subject to the following conditions:-

1.General Conditions:

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
1.2	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.3	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.4	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.6	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.11	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.02 ha.
1.12	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC.
1.13	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.14	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.15	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

1.16	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	The State Government shall raise 100 saplings and maintain with the funds realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation at the identified location.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ID.
3.3	The State Govt./User Agency shall ensure that the conditions stipulated by SC-NBWL is strictly complied with.
3.4	**The User Agency has made payment Rs. 4,01,060/- towards CA and NPV (Rs.2,78,200/- towards CA, and Rs.1,22,860 towards NPV). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.**
3.5	**The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.**

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
2.The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
3.The Dy. General Manager, BSNL, Guntur.
4.SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER